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SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

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https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC7F4KSNFqFBsx5Ch_M2_Ebg

December Prayers: Sunday 6th December "This Tuesday we will be celebrating the feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. On this day, let us remember all unborn children, especially those recently conceived. That safety, protection and love would be granted to them, and that we the church, with the intercession of Our Lady, would take on the call to support these precious children of God. Lord hear us".

Fratelli Tutti This is the latest encyclical sent out by Pope Francis on the feast of St Francis. Earlier he sent out *Laudate Si* which related to the respect for the planet. Now he is speaking about and to all the people who live on the planet. It is a very long document. 150 pages. I found what I think is a very good summary of it. It is a shame that most people will not know what the pope is proposing as the way to living the gospel. I got it from a site in Jamaica and is only two sheets of A4 long. If you would like a copy I would be delighted to send it to you via email. My email is johnbbland@gmail.com

Annual Christmas Hamper Raffle We are aiming to have our annual Christmas hamper raffle. If you would like to make a donation, such as wine, cheese, biscuits etc we would be very grateful. Any donations can be left in the church or at the parish office. Many thanks, Fr. Shinto

Prayer Tree Everyone is invited to write a short prayer on a label to hang on our Christmas tree in church. The labels are in a basket in the porch. Please take one home to write (or write with your own pen after mass before leaving your place) and put the prayer in the special box.

Church Reopening for Holy Mass

We are opening the church for holy mass from Thursday 3rd December 2020. Live streaming of holy mass will continue, but the link has been changed. https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC7F4KSNFqFBsx5Ch_M2_Ebg

Christmas Hampers for Retired Parishioners We now have enough volunteers to help. Donations still needed. Call Kelly on 07864929412 or deliver to Gentili by Friday 11th December. Anyone who wants to recommend a family member or vulnerable who would like a hamper please contact.

Sat 5 th December 2020	Feast of St Birinus, Bishop	10.00AM 06.00PM	All Parishioners Una Leach RIP Catherine Costello RIP
Sun 6 th December 2020	Second Sunday of Advent	10.00AM 06.00PM	Angela Christopher Teresa Cole Pauline Diack RIP
Mon 7 th December 2020	Memorial of St Ambrose, Bishop, Doctor of the Church	10.00AM	Charles Bedford RIP
Tue 8 th December 2020	Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary	10.00AM	Jean and Peter Bourne RIP
Wed 9 th December 2020	Advent Feria	10.00AM 01.30PM	Josephine Barry Funeral Requiem Mass Kate Tennant
Thu 10 th December 2020	Advent Feria	10.00AM 11.30AM	Betty Kerry RIP Funeral Requiem Mass Bridget Dempsey
Fri 11 th December 2020	Advent Feria	10.00AM	Wilfred Franklin
Sat 12 th December 2020	Advent Feria	09.30AM 06.00PM	All Parishioners Francisco Olivera RIP Shirley Deery RIP

This Week's Gospel Reading Second Sunday of Advent Mark 1:1-8

A voice cries in the wilderness: prepare a way for the Lord

The beginning of the Good News about Jesus Christ, the Son of God. It is written in the book of the prophet Isaiah: Look, I am going to send my messenger before you; he will prepare your way. A voice cries in the wilderness: Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight. and so it was that John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. All Judaea and all the people of Jerusalem made their way to him, and as they were baptised by him in the river Jordan they confessed their sins. [...]

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

My heart is full of affection for you and I often remember you before the Lord. It is my hope that what you yourself would like best is that we should meet in our Lord in perfect unity of heart. This is the true centre of the greatest love, of the greatest union of hearts; indeed, this is the only centre, a very ocean of love.

Blessed Antonio Rosmini



This Week's First Reading Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11

The glory of the Lord shall be revealed and all mankind shall see it

‘Console my people, console them’ says your God. ‘Speak to the heart of Jerusalem and call to her that her time of service is ended, that her sin is atoned for, that she has received from the hand of the Lord double punishment for all her crimes.’ A voice cries, ‘Prepare in the wilderness a way for the Lord. Make a straight highway for our God across the desert. Let every valley be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid low. Let every cliff become a plain, and the ridges a valley; then the glory of the Lord [...]

UCM

The national committee have suggested members fees for 2021 will be lowered to £10 for this year only. With this welcomed news we hope to collect from our members early January 2021.

Two Job Opportunities

Debt Coach (paid or voluntary 8 hours a week) with Christians Against Poverty (closing date 18th December)

Community Chaplain (full time) with Futures Unlocked (closing date 20th December)

The God Who Speaks Advent greetings to you all.

For December, our focus is on **Advent & Christmastide**

godwhospeaks.uk/sun-moon-and-stars-the-role-of-mary-in-the-book-of-revelation

- o Fr Michael Hall considers why the vision of the Woman in Revelation is believed by Catholics to be a reference to Our Lady, Queen of Heaven
- o Bishop Peter Brignall invites us to share a simple ceremony of lighting the candles of the Advent Wreath
- o Fleur Dorrell looks at three different images of Mary, the Magi and the Star
- o Share our Christmas story designed for children who prefer the Bible in plain English words and pictures
- o We share a lovely Christmas poem by Alex Heath of Northampton Diocese

We've updated our *About the Bible* section to include a dedicated area on **St Mark's Gospel for our new Lectionary year**

godwhospeaks.uk/st-marks-gospel

- o To accompany us, here you'll find a day-by-day reading plan
- o An 18-part podcast series on Mark from the Catholic Bishops' Conference
- o Our St Mark's Gospel Posters
- o Our new 19 signed videos retelling key stories of Mark's Gospel in British Sign Language
- o Order your special edition of St Mark's Gospel

Parish Shop Christmas cards, calendars and diaries. Home delivery. Please contact 812702.

RECENTLY DIED

Kate Tennant
Bridget Dempsey

This Week's Responsorial Psalm Psalm 84(85):9-14 (Advent)

R. Let us see, O Lord, your mercy, and give us your saving help.

This Week's Second Reading 2 Peter 3:8-14

We are waiting for the new heavens and the new earth

There is one thing, my friends, that you must never forget: that with the Lord, 'a day' can mean a thousand years, and a thousand years is like a day. The Lord is not being slow to carry out his promises, as anybody else might be called slow; but he is being patient with you all [...]

This Week's Gospel Acclamation Lk 3:4, 6

Alleluia, alleluia!

Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight, and all mankind shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia!

FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES FALL AROUND THIS TIME

Patricia Bates, Rupert Nigam, Jorge Piccara, Janina Kossakowski

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL THOSE WHO ARE SICK

Tom Donnelly, Sharon Colleran, Rachel Mears, Freddie Fereday, Elsie Johnson, Piotr Fior, William Hearne, Sofia Roman Garcia, Hattie Taylor, Pat Mulvey, Lenny & Marie Niner, Val Muir, Noel Hayes, Sybil Brookes, Maureen Keane, Viviane McSweeney, John Melia and all those sick with coronavirus